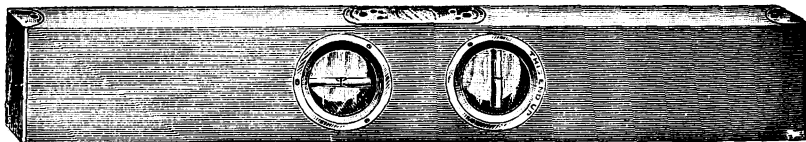


DAVIS & COOK,

Manufacturers of Spirit Levels, 13 High Street.

It is a matter of surprise, and no little congratulation, that among the manufacturers of Watertown are many who enjoy a national reputation as producers of the best goods in their respective lines which are known to the trade and public. An establishment in Watertown which has obtained eminence in its particular department of industry is that of Messrs. Davis & Cook, manufacturers of spirit levels, and, although instituted at as recent a period as the year 1886, they have already attracted, by their superior productions, much notice to this small but thriving center.

The premises occupied for the business are situated at the above address, and consists of a three-story building of three floors, 50 x 25 feet in dimensions. The factory is adjacent to the railroad, thus affording every facility for the receipt of the raw materials and the shipment of the goods. The works are fitted up with the necessary machinery and appliances, which are of special manufacture, designed and made for the exigencies of this enterprise. Owing to the expansion and development of the business, which has been remarkably rapid, the firm are about to largely increase their facilities by putting into their establishment a quantity of new machinery and appliances, which are now being made for them. This will afford means for greatly augmenting their facilities of production, and will allow of the still further development of their trade.



COOK'S PATENT LEVEL.

The spirit levels made by this house differ from ordinary levels in many important particulars, which render them highly desirable. In the first place, the bulb-tube carrying the bulb is set in a frame, which is faced on either side with glass, and can be seen from any position. It can be used under as well as over the article to be leveled, and instead of looking at the top and into a narrow groove, it can be seen from either side, and shows the bulb in a clear light. Another remarkable feature is that it can be seen ten feet away, readily marking its position. Two bulbs are used; one is for leveling and the other is for plumbing. The frames holding the bulb-tubes are arranged with screws, which reach to the plate on the upper edge of the stock, making a perfect adjust-

ment. This level can be used in many positions which would not be possible with the ordinary level.

In the details of manufacture, every care is exercised that not a single imperfect level shall, under any circumstances, leave the factory. The wood used is either mahogany or cherry properly seasoned, and not liable to warp or shrink, and every instrument is thoroughly subjected to the most critical tests. The system and principle adopted in the manufacture of these levels are undoubtedly the most correct ones, and consequently the goods are the best before the market. This is made evident by the demand which has arisen for them, derived from all parts of the United States. Shipments have also been made to Australia and other foreign countries, and were it not that the home trade absorbed all their product at the present time, their transactions abroad would be considerably larger.

The members of the firm are Messrs. George L. Davis and Gustavus Cook, gentlemen of thorough experience in all that relates to the business, to which their closest attention and energies are given. Their success has been pronounced, and is a matter of gratification equally to themselves and to the city in which their operations are conducted.
